Statement of the Establishment in the Anchal Superintendent's Office.

249. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a complete list, by castes, of the members of the present staff of the Anchal Superintendent's Office showing—

(*a*) their designation ;
(*b*) dates of their first appointment ;
(*c*) their starting pay ;
(*d*) their present pay ; and
(*e*) their qualifications and service ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information required is laid on the table.

Propriety of the Designation "Devicolam Commissioner."

250. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state why the administrative head of the Devicolam Revenue Division alone is styled 'Commissioner' ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The official designation of the head of the Devicolam Revenue Division was "Superintendent, Devicolam Division." The designation was changed into "Commissioner, Devicolam" in 1915, mainly to avoid confusion with the designation of superintendents of estates in planting regions.

Trivandrum Municipality.

251. **MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Quilon*) :
(1) Are the Government aware that scavenging within the Trivandrum Municipality is being carried on in a very unsatisfactory manner ?

(2) Are the Government aware that scavenging is carried on throughout and at all hours of the day ?

(3) Are the Government aware that night-soil carts are left in open roads in different parts of the town all day long to the annoyance and discomfort of passers-by and residents of neighbouring houses ?

(4) Are the Government aware that night-soil is often deposited under culverts and other covered spots in different parts of the town ?

(5) Are the Government aware that typhoid fever, malaria, elephantiasis, dysentery and other fell diseases are increasing in the town?

(6) Will the Government be pleased to have a census taken of the elephantiasis and hydrocele patients in the town ?

(7) Will the Government be pleased to call for reports from the local hospitals of the number of cases of typhoid fever, dysentery and malaria treated in them during the last three years and lay the same on the table ?

(8) Will the Government be pleased to appoint a committee to examine and report on the general condition of sanitation in the town ?

* *Vide* Appendix II—Pages 709 and 710.

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(9) Will the Government be pleased to call for from the Municipality and the Sanitary Commissioner a report as to the number of beggars in the town, their sex, the number suffering from venereal and other incurable diseases, where they are accommodated, the number of children born annually to these beggars, whether these children are the result of marriage or promiscuity, etc.?

(10) Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the state of milk-supply in the town?

(11) Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether any arrangement has been made by the Municipality for milk-supply in the town and whether they have any control over the existing sources?

(12) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the number of tanks used and unused in the town and the steps taken by the Municipality to keep them in proper condition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) (1) The President, Municipal Council, Trivandrum, reports that scavenging in the town is being done in as satisfactory a manner as is possible under the existing circumstances.

(2) Regular scavenging work is being carried on only from 6 to 10 in the morning, except for a few institutions where the work is done in the evening also.

(3) In wards, where separate accommodation has not been provided, night-soil carts are left on road-sides where the localities are uncongested and where space is available, well-washed and without inconvenience to the public, after the day's work is over. The question of providing sheds in all the wards is engaging the attention of the Municipal Council.

(4) This is not usually done. But stern disciplinary action is taken by the Council against the scavengers concerned whenever such acts are found out.

(5) The Government have no information on the point.

(6) The matter will be considered.

(7) The statement* required by the member is laid on the table.

(8) The matter will be considered.

(9) The Municipal Council has been asked to investigate the matter and send up a report.

(10) and (11) The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No 2, asked by Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai given at the meeting of the Council held on the 22nd November 1926.

(12) There are 31 public tanks in the town, of which 26 are used for bathing purposes. The periodical maintenance of the same, such as removal of moss, rank vegetation, etc., is being attended to as necessity arises.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): In regard to part 5 of the question, may I know whether the figures given in Appendix III do not show that the cases of these diseases have been increasing?

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* *Vide* Appendix III—Page 711.

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The figures are fluctuating.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the general effect of these fluctuations is indicative of an increase or decrease? For instance, as regards malaria, the number is 2,094 in 1099, 1,667 in 1100 and 2,197 in 1101. Similarly, as regards dysentery, the number is 3,606 in 1099, 4,137 in 1100 and 5,092 in 1101. Then, as regards typhoid fever, it has risen from 678 in 1099 to 725 in 1100. Will not the general effect of these figures show that such cases are increasing in the town?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): As regards malaria, the figure for 1100 shows a material fall from 1099 and there is a rise in 1101. I do not know what 1102 is going to show.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Taking it as a whole, may I know what is the impression that Government have formed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The figures are there. In some years, there is a rise.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Is the member aware that not longer than thirty years ago there was a period when there was no case of elephantiasis in Trivandrum?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am not aware that there was absolutely no case.

MR. CHANGANCHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Not a considerable number at any rate?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): I suppose that, besides the cases treated in hospitals, there must have been several cases treated in private houses?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): May be.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Do not the Government think that this is a very serious state of affairs requiring examination by the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): We have got only the hospital figures. All that the Government can say now in regard to that has been said in the answer and, that is, that the Government have no information.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Is it not a case in which the Government ought to enquire and get sufficient information as the matter is one affecting seriously the health of the inhabitants of the town?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It can be enquired into.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): With reference to part (9), is not the Municipality invested with the power of making bye-laws for preventing begging in the town?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. They have appointed a sub-committee and they have asked the sub-committee to prepare the bye-laws.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Is not the Municipality expected to supply itself with figures as to the number of beggars in the town?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They have not got the figures at present.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): But is not the Municipality expected to have it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They would have done well if they had these figures. But they have not got them. They have been asked to investigate the matter.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): In regard to parts (10) and (11), I believe the answer to Mr. Piraviperumal Pillai's question was given at the last meeting of the Council. That is about six months ago?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know what the Municipality has done since then in regard to the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Municipality has appointed a sub-committee to enquire into the matter and frame bye-laws.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): When was the sub-committee appointed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I do not know the date.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Has the sub-committee made any report?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Not yet.

Assessment to Income Tax.

252. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer "the Government are not aware" given to my questions asked on the 23rd April 1926, *re* the dissatisfaction caused to the merchants on account of indiscriminately assessing them without properly looking into their accounts, for purposes of income tax, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the statements *viz.*, "the reason for this was that several of the Collectors left the whole matter relating to assessment of income tax in the hands of their clerks. Much hardship was also caused by the method of assessment" and "the Income Tax Collector used to fix arbitrarily a certain percentage of the income as profits and on that basis the assessment was fixed. They discarded without any regard to the status of the trader the accounts produced" "and referred to the vexatious demands of the Income Tax Department, and to the case of a merchant in Chalai who

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